

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to *directly assist persons in poverty*. Ministries must be in a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region: Oaklyn Baptist Church

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: ABCNJ

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC)

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement.
- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

To provide for the daily needs of the men in the program while they live at our church for 2 weeks. And to assist in supporting them and their needs the entire 6 months of the program's duration. (more on additional sheet of paper)

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

The men in the program live at our church for 2 weeks (they stay at 14 churches through the course of the 6 month program). We provide all their practical needs.

5. Total cost of the project: \$1,500-\$3,500

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1,375

7. Your other funding source(s): 2 other churches help with some costs and supplies.

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by: Cara Gaehring

Date: 3-16-16

**Please note:**

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

## ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application

### Budget for IHOC (*Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council*) Ministry at OBC

Items needed	Breakdown of cost	How often we spend that amount	Cost per category
New linens for the cots (15 sets)	\$15 approx. for each set =\$225	One time cost (every few years)	\$225
Food for the men for 2 weeks	\$200 (lunch meat, breakfast food, fruit, beverages, dinner food, snacks). It would allow us to buy the men some luxury items, like flavored liquid creamer or ice cream.	Reoccurring each year (Other churches assist. Us with providing some food)	\$200
Entertainment for the men (bowling, a movie, outing to get ice cream, something fun for the men so they can fellowship and relax in a non-stressful environment)	Taking the men out on the weekend helps them socialize and provides entertainment when they are on such a strict schedule Mon-Fri.	A movie ticket is on average \$11 each. Or bowling is usually \$14 a person (shoes/games). We usually do 2 outings	\$200
Purchase board games	The men are limited as to what they can do during their free time, being able to buy board games and puzzles will help with that.	Puzzles are average \$15 and a board game is on average \$20	\$100
Laundry Money	We provide the men who are not working with funds to do their laundry during their stay. Cost is \$7 for a load, and they can do 2 loads during their 2 week stay.	Reoccurring each year	\$150
<b>**Optional:</b> Insurance for Oaklyn Baptist Church Bus that is owned by Oaklyn Baptist, but a volunteer from the church will drive it for IHOC when they need assistance with transportation. This is one of the main uses of the bus. The bus also currently needs a window fixed.	During the course of this 6 month program, we assist with the use of our 14 passenger bus-a volunteer. While the men are hosted at our church for the 2 weeks, we also use the bus to transport them.	We spend \$1,600 on Insurance a year Another \$300-\$500 on gas	\$500

**\*Total Cost of the project, with the bus included, can be in the ballpark of \$3,500. We are requesting \$1,375**

**Without the church bus expenses we anticipate to spend \$875**

***If the bus qualifies as part of our ministry for this grant, we are requesting \$1,375. Without the bus, we are requesting \$875***

**Continued from Question 3 on first sheet:**

While the men live at our church for the two weeks, and the other churches for 6 months total, all their needs are met for. So any income they earn goes into a savings account. Once the program ends in May, the men have enough saved to secure permanent housing. They also complete substance abuse programs and have councilors and job training through the course of this program to help them maintain their independence once they graduate.

## **Oaklyn Baptist Churches Mission Statement for IHOC**

**At Oaklyn Baptist we use Mark 25:40 as our Mission Statement:**

<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Oaklyn Baptist has been assisting with this ministry since its founding 25 years ago. Through this ministry we hope to show the men who are in the program the love we have for them, and the love that Christ has for them. In substance abuse recovery, one of the steps is acknowledging a higher power. As the program goes on each year, the men have the opportunity to participate in Bible Studies, attend church service and be prayed for. We have church members who continue on with the men once they leave our church, (and before they arrive at our church) to keep in touch with them, follow up with them and continue to help with their practical needs-for years after they have graduated from the program.